

Newmarket High School Graduation Awards 2024

CFUW Charitable Trust Annual

Awards:

Mary Pegg Education Award

This award was established in 2017 in memory of Mary Pegg by her family. Mary was a teacher in York Region for 27 years. She was active in her community and was instrumental in founding the East Gwillimbury Public Library. One of her last gifts to the community was establishing this award in partnership with CFUW Aurora/Newmarket, a group that she was a member of for many years.

Mary's vision was to provide financial support to young women undergoing financial hardship, allowing more young women an opportunity to pursue their career goals by attending a post-secondary institution.

The award provides \$2500 a year for up to four years (maximum of \$10,000) to the selected candidates. The awards will be presented each year from 2017 until 2026.

Female students graduating from **Newmarket High School** or **Huron Heights Secondary School** are eligible to apply for this award.

To be eligible, the female applicants must:

- be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada
- be graduating students who have been accepted in full-time studies at a university, college, or apprenticeship program in Ontario that will be beneficial to their future success
- demonstrate critical financial need
- have demonstrated a positive attitude, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- have contributed to life in their schools and/or communities

Application Process:

1. **A 500-word essay** that includes paragraphs that outline:
 - financial hardships you face and the challenges you have overcome
 - your positive attitude and work ethic
 - your contributions to the school and/or community
 - your career goals
 - an explanation of how this award will enable you to attain your goals

Format your essay with a header that includes:

- your full name
- secondary school name

- personal email address (not your school email address as we need to be in contact with you after you graduate)
2. **Two letters of reference** from non-family members (i.e., teacher, employer, an adult with whom you have been associated in the community)
 3. **A list of any other financial supports** for which you have applied (i.e., OSAP, other educational awards/bursaries). Please note: Advising us of this information will not preclude you from receiving this award.
 4. A copy of your **post-secondary acceptance**.
NOTE - If you have not received your acceptance by **APRIL 22**, please attach a document that includes:
 - names and postal addresses of the post-secondary institutions to which you have applied
 - name of the program and length (i.e. Life Sciences - four-year program, Journalism - two-year program) to which you have applied
 - expected dates of acceptance

Selection Process:

Applications for the Mary Pegg Education Award will be collected by the Guidance Department of the eligible schools and then these will be forwarded to the CFUW A/N Charitable Trust Awards Committee.

Based on the applications received, the following review process will be used:

- Final selection will be made by members of the Pegg family and the Charitable Trust Awards Committee from a needs-based pool of applicants.
- An in-person/telephone interview with applicants may be part of the selection process.
- The successful student will be informed by her guidance counsellor. Students who were not selected for this award will also be informed.
- The award will be presented at the school's graduation by a member of the Pegg family.

My CFUW Award Checklist - to strengthen my application

1. In my essay, I have written a paragraph for each of the following:
 - Challenges I have overcome
 - My positive attitude and work ethic
 - My contributions to my school and community
 - How this award will assist me with my post-secondary education
2. I have included a header in my essay including the following information:
 - My full name
 - My secondary school's name
 - My phone or cell number
 - My personal email address (**NOT** my school email address)
3. I have included the following document:
 - A copy of my **post-secondary acceptance**
 - 3a. If I have not received an acceptance by April 22nd, I have attached a document that includes:

- The names and postal addresses of the post-secondary institutions to which I have applied
- The name of the program and length (i.e. Life Sciences - 4 year program, Journalism - 2 year program) to which I have applied
- The expected dates of acceptance

4. I have

- Asked a teacher, guidance counsellor, or an adult to proofread my essay and provide feedback
- Submitted my essay and documents to the guidance department by **April 22, 2024**

5. I

- Am a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada
- Will be receiving no more than one other school or community award
- Will not be taking a gap year after graduation

Applications are to be emailed to Guidance (kim.calleja@yrdsb.ca or karen.pressley@yrdsb.ca) by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 22nd, 2024.